

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)**  
**(Small Entity)**

Docket No. **#6**  
BAF-11802729

In Re Application Of: **Ferree**

Serial No.  
**09/638,241**

Filing Date  
**August 14, 2000**

Examiner  
**U. Ho**

Group Art Unit  
**3731**

Invention: **METHODS AND APPARATUS FOR TREATING DISC HERNIATION AND PREVENTING THE EXTRUSION OF INTERBODY BONE GRAFT**

**TO THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:**

This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response to the Office Action of **Oct. 1, 2002** in the above-identified application.  
*Date*

The requested extension is as follows (check time period desired):

☐ One month    ☒ Two months    ☐ Three months    ☐ Four months    ☐ Five months

from: **Nov. 1, 2002**  
*Date*

until: **Jan. 1, 2003 (Holiday)**  
*Date*

A verified statement of small entity status as a small entity under 37 CFR 1.27:

- ☐ is enclosed.  
☐ has already been filed in this application.

The fee for the extension of time is **\$205** and is to be paid as follows:

- ☒ A check in the amount of the fee is enclosed.  
☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. **07-1180**  
A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.  
☐ If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor and charge any additional fees which may be required to Deposit Account No. **07-1180** A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Dated: **Jan. 2, 2003**

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*Signature*

I certify that this document and fee is being deposited on **1-2-03** with the U.S. Postal Service as first class mail under 37 C.F.R. 1.8 and is addressed to the Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231.

*Signature of Person Mailing Correspondence*

**Sheryl L. Hammer**

*Typed or Printed Name of Person Mailing Correspondence*

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